GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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RECORD OF STATE MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a complete record of the Monuments/Temples/sites protected by the State Governments;

(b) if so, whether the State Government have got proper permission from ASI to protect such monuments/sites/temples /forts of historical importance;

(c) whether there is any system or any committee to look, check and inspect the monuments protected by both ASI and State Government Departments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) State Governments do not require any permission from the Archaeological Survey of India in respect of State protected monuments.

(c) & (d) There is no provision for such a mechanism under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites & Remains Act, 1958 and Rules, 1959. The ASI`s protected monuments are, however, looked after by the ASI in the normal course of their work.